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In re Patent Application of)	
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Morihito NOMURA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3677
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Application No.: 10/042,309)	Examiner: D. Melwani
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Filed: January 11, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 4265
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For: VEHICLE DOOR HANDLE DEVICE)	

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____, on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	21	MINUS 20 =	1	× \$18.00 (1202) =	18.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					18.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					18.00

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 18.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Official Action dated May 7, 2003, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page four of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eleven of this paper.